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Pay structures and benefits will be largely unchanged from Lockheed Martin and Rockwell -- with the exception of some Lockheed Martin savings plans which will pay company matching funds directly to employees instead of investing them in Lockheed Martin stock.

The officials explained that since USA is a separate company its employees will not be able to participate in Lockheed Martin's corporate stock purchase plan, but instead will have the freedom to invest the

funds in a variety of stocks.

Black invited employees to take advantage of this "chance to change the way things are done and improve the system."

KSC employees are invited to share ideas for improvements with the USA team.

Suggestions can be sent to Val Wardell, Mail Code A-11, Lockheed Martin Engineering and Sciences Services, Houston, TX, 77058 or to Bill Jeffs, Rockwell Space Operations Company, Mail Code R04B, Houston, TX, 77058. E-mail messages can be sent to usa-team@usa.lesc.lockheed.com

EG&G appoints deputy general manager

Stephen J. Bailey of Merritt Island has been appointed deputy general manager of EG&G Florida Inc. Bailey has been serving as acting deputy general manager for the company since September 1995.

Bailey has worked as controller at EG&G Florida since the inception of the Base Operations Contract in 1983. In June 1995, he was appointed director of administration over Fi-



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nance, Human Resources and Contracts. He will continue to serve in this capacity also.

As the Base Operations Contractor to

NASA at the Kennedy Space Center, EG&G Florida provides a broad range of support services for the KSC mission.

Entries taken for two running events

Kennedy Space Center athletes can start getting warmed up this winter for two upcoming running events.

Beat the Boss

The fifth annual Beat the Boss 5K run and two mile walk will take place Saturday, March 30, at 8 a.m. at the Patrick Air Force Base Officers Club Pavilion. The time and date have been changed from previous years to take advantage of low tide and cooler weather. The location was also moved further south to give participants a flatter and firmer surface to run on.

Participants will have the option of competing against the bosses in a 5 kilometer run or against a different set of bosses in the 2 mile walk.

All NASA, military and Shuttle Processing Contract employees are eligible to enter either of the events. An entry

fee of \$6 includes a post-race pancake breakfast. Entrants will also receive a specially designed T-shirt. Applications are available at the KSC exercise facilities and NASA Exchange stores. For more information, call Marty Winkel at 861-7502.

Intercenter run

KSC's seventh annual Spring Intercenter Run will be held Wednesday, April 17, at 5 p.m. at the Shuttle Landing Facility runway.

There is no registration fee but participants must sign up by midnight April 5.

Registration forms are available at the KSC exercise facilities. T-shirts may be ordered (pre-paid) at any NASA Exchange store. The cost is \$5.50 for sizes medium to extra large and \$7.00 for extra extra large. T-shirts will be available on race day.



PROFESSOR KYOICHI KURIKI of the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science in Tokyo, program leader for the Space Flyer Unit (SFU), presents a Daruma, a Buddhist good luck symbol, to Payloads Director John Conway Jan. 29 at the Operations and Checkout Building. The presentation acknowledged Kennedy Space Center's role in the successful retrieval of that satellite during Mission STS-72.

Japanese icon commemorates SFU's retrieval, return to KSC

by George Diller

Kennedy Space Center's role in the successful retrieval of Japan's Space Flyer Unit (SFU) satellite during Mission STS-72 was acknowledged during a ceremony Jan. 29 in the Operations and Checkout Building. Members of the STS-72 payload test team, senior NASA and McDonnell Douglas payload managers, and representatives of Japan's Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS) were present when KSC officially turned over the SFU to the Japanese Space Agency and its ISAS partner. SFU was then transported to Astrotech in Titusville where investigators are retrieving their experiments and data.

SFU was launched on an expendable vehicle from the Tanegashima Space Center in southern Japan on March 18, 1995. It remained in orbit 10 months before being retrieved from space by Endeavour's crew on Jan. 13, 1996. SFU is an octagonally shaped,

multi-purpose reusable spacecraft with eleven experiments including an infrared telescope, biological and crystal growth experiments. It took ten years to develop.

NASA Director of Payload Operations, John Conway and Professor Kyoichi Kuriki, the SFU Program Leader from ISAS, signed the document turning over custody of the spacecraft from NASA to the Japanese.

After the signing Kuriki presented Conway with a "Daruma," a Buddhist good luck symbol.

The Daruma's left eye was painted in while the Japanese were at KSC in 1991 planning the SFU retrieval and downloading activities. The recipient of the Daruma then makes a wish, and when it comes true, he paints the other eye. Kuriki painted the other eye just after the joint signing of the turnover document.

After the experiments are removed, the spacecraft will be shipped back to Japan.